



# Occupational and Professional Licensing

## District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

July 9, 2024

### Meeting Minutes

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The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 10:00 am via virtual.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietranton, Chair, at 10:05 am, and attendance was taken.

#### **Attendance**

Board Members Present: Frank Pietranton, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Ulani Gulstone, Ericka Black, Edward Downs, Monique Owens, Patrice Richardson, and Joseph Borger

Board Members Absent: Ramona Barber

Staff: Stacey Price, Board Administrator; Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Administrator, OPL; Kendra Covington, Program Support Specialist; Occupational and Professional Licensing; Shakira Richardson, Program Manager of the Consumer Protection Unit (CPU); Nicole Bramstedt, Legislative Affairs Specialist

Legal Counsel: Justin Orrison, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

Public Members: RJ Gallegos, Elmira Jones, Tanya Rahall, Vernada Williams, Virginia Buckingham, Robert Whaley, and Michele Yates

#### **Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Robert Whaley wanted to check the status of his application – will be discussed during executive session

Michele Yates inquired about BR license – Stacey Price will call after meeting to discuss requirements

#### **Agenda Item: Executive Session**

At approximately 10:54 am, the following motion was made:



Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission unanimously voted to enter into closed session pursuant to the authority of D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b)(4)(A) to seek the advice of counsel, D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b)(9) to discuss disciplinary matters, and D.C. Official Code Section 2-775(b)(13) to deliberate upon a decision in an adjudication action or proceeding and to discuss:

Complaints and technical applications.

The public session of the meeting was resumed at 12:34 pm.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, June 11, 2024**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated June 11, 2024.

**Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the July 9, 2024, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the July 9, 2024, minutes.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted to approve the following technical application recommendations made during the executive session:

1. Approved Jordan Strudwick's exam application for a salesperson license
2. John Lytle's reinstatement application for salesperson license – issue a \$2500 fine, a formal reprimand, a consent order prior to the approval of application
3. Shayna Jackson's reinstatement application for salesperson license – issue a \$2500 fine, a formal reprimand, a consent order prior to the approval of application
4. Contingently approved Betty Diallo's reinstatement application for a salesperson license upon receipt of continuing education certificates
5. Yalda Ghamarian's reinstatement application for salesperson license – issue a formal letter requesting additional information prior to the approval of application
6. Robert Whaley's reinstatement application for salesperson license – issue a formal letter requesting additional information prior to the approval of application

**Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted to approve the following complaints recommendations made during the executive session:

1. In the matter of Julian Malasi vs. David Blaha and John Guggenmos – Dismiss and refer to CPU for further investigation
2. In the matter of Real Estate Commission vs. Ralph Harvey – close, no violation
3. In the matter of Jacqueline Hart vs. Chris Toussaint – Discussed and commission has no jurisdiction over the complaint



**Agenda Item: Education Committee Report**

Education Report was presented to the commission with no opposition to the request for approvals.

**Agenda Item: Budget Update**

None.

**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

ARELLO has updated their point of contact person from Calleigh Smith to Ashton Richards.

The registration fee for the ARELLO 2024 Annual Meeting will be paid from DLCP.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

The Historic Preservation Seminar went very well. Commission member Ramona Barber gave the opening remarks.

The REC core continuing education required courses that are being offered will be on July 24 and 25, from 8am to 6pm, at Martin Luther King Library. Course schedule has been drafted and sent to the commission members via email. Registration information will be sent out today to licensees.

The Fair Housing Instructor Development workshop will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> at Martin Luther King Library. Samuel Henderson will be the instructor.

The Summer Youth Program is offering a Career Day on July 15, 2024 at the Department of Health location at 2201 Shannon Place, SE. Commission member Ed Downs will attend representing the commission.

The Licensing for Accountability of Management of Properties (LAMP) Bill hearing was held on July 2-3.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Mr. Downs and Mrs. Price served as a witness during the hearing for a complaint that was submitted to the commission against Maria Reddick. The administrative judge has not provided the commission with her decision order.

ARELLO is offering their first Legal Exchange conference for attorneys, licensees and regulators. Conference will be held on August 6-7 in Carmel, Indiana.



**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next scheduled regular meeting is September 10, 2024, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank A. Pietranton*

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Frank Pietranton, Chair  
Date: September 10, 2024

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Price